Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Beverly Allison was born on January 11, 1947, to Alfred and Leota Allison at Winner, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Bev graduated Magna Cum Laude from The University of South Dakota in German and Education, began working for the Pierre school system as a teacher of German and U.S. History, and spent one year as a freelance teacher of English and piano in Germany as a member of her husband's Fulbright Exchange; and,

Whereas, Bev married Jay Mickelson on June 29, 1974, at the First United Methodist Church in Pierre, and their lives have been blessed by two children, Allison and Andrew--an extremely musically-gifted family; and,

Whereas, The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs benefited from Bev's 29 years of service as their secretary/receptionist and her assistance as Invitations Coordinator for the WWII and Korean War Memorial dedications held in Pierre, and Bev skillfully served as the receptionist for the Governor's Office for 3 years from which she will retire on January 7, 2011; and,

Whereas, Bev began as a freelance musician and accompanist as an eighth grader in Winner, which carried over to her complete devotion to the United Methodist Church in Pierre as organist, bell choir director, and music coordinator, as well as accompanist for numerous special events throughout the community over the past 40 years; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to recognize the many accomplishments of this dedicated employee:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 7, 2011, as

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in South Dakota, and I join with her colleagues, family, and friends in wishing her well in her retirement.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-third Day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State